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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
RECORDS DISCLOSURE COVER SHEET
FOI/PA BRANCH
RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Subject of Request: Woodrow Wilson Guthrie

FOIPA No. 76,010 /190-

Mr. Alan J. Weberman
Independent Research Associates
6 Bleecker Street
New York, New York 10012

OCT 27 1980

Dear Mr. Weberman:

Enclosed are copies of documents from our files. Where noted on the enclosed documents, excisions have been made in order to protect materials which are exempted from disclosure by the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and Section 552a. The exemption number(s) indicated by a mark appearing in the block to the left of the subsection cited constitutes the authority for withholding the deleted material. (See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions). You will note that whenever page(s) have been withheld in their entirety a sheet has been substituted listing the number of page(s), the identity of their location within the file, and exemptions under which they were withheld. When a deletion is made from the enclosed pages, the appropriate subsection exempting that information is noted opposite the deletion.

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Pursuant to your request, 123 pages were reviewed and 8 pages were withheld in their entirety.

The decision to withhold exempt portions of our records is the responsibility of William H. Webster, Director of the FBI.

[x] Unless noted and explained, a search of references to the subject of your request in the files of other individuals or organizations, i.e., "see" references, was not undertaken. To verify most "see" references requires information identifying the individual(s) and/or organization(s) with whom the subject of your request associated and the time frame of the association(s). Should you desire a search of "see" references, please advise of the details describing the specific incident or occurrence and time frame. Thereafter, efforts will be made to locate, retrieve and process any such record.

OFFICE OF PRIV & INFO APPEALS
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USDOJ
WASH, DC

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1. UNDER PROVISIONS FOIPA I WISH TO APPEAL DETERMINATION OF FBI RE: FOIPA NO 76,010

2. Woody Guthrie has been the subject of one movie and numerous books.

signed

Mr. Alan J. Weberman

The enclosed documents have been placed on filebacks for your convenience.

You are receiving 109 pages. The amount of $10.90 has been deducted from your account.

During the course of reviewing the documents we surfaced information which originated with the Department of the Interior. A one page document was referred to Interior for direct response to you. A document consisting of six pages was referred to Army Intelligence. They withheld the document in its entirety citing (b)(1), (b)(7)(D) and (b)(7)(E) for the withholding. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. The appeal should be forwarded to:

Freedom of Information/Privacy Office
U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command
Attn: IACSF-FI
Fort Meade, Maryland 20755

These six pages are not included in the total of withheld pages as they were not withheld by the FBI.

An FBI "rap sheet" has been withheld pursuant to (b)(3), Title 28, United States Code, Section 534, and (b)(6).

United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

OCT 24 1980

Mr. A. J. Weberman
Independent Research Associates
6 Bleecker Street
New York, New York 10012

Dear Mr. Weberman:

The Department of Justice has asked that we respond to your December 23, 1978 FOIA request pertaining to a letter originated in this Department.

Enclosed is a copy of the July 30, 1941 letter in question.

Sincerely,

William L. Carpenter

William L. Carpenter
Director of Administrative Services

Enclosure

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1941.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Secretary Ickes has received a letter from Matthew F. McGuire, The Assistant to the Attorney General, in which he states that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has received information that Woodrow W. Guthrie, said to be employed by the Department of the Interior, is a member of the Communist Party. Mr. Guthrie is reported to be on the West Coast at the present time, engaged in the making of a motion picture for the Department of the Interior.

Our records disclose that Mr. Guthrie was employed by the Bonneville Power Administration as an information consultant at Portland, Oregon, on May 13, 1941, for a period not to exceed 30 days, and that his services were terminated, effective June 13, 1941.

In view of the fact that Mr. Guthrie is no longer an employee of this Department, no investigation is requested, and we are referring the matter to you for such further action as you may deem desirable.

Sincerely yours,

E. K. Burlew

First Assistant Secretary.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

It looks like
Westbrook Pegler
is doing all he can
to split our war effort
up into little pieces.
His narrow minded
attacks on organized
labor, his silly accusations about communism
and his lack of race
friendship and fair
play, all added up,
come to the sum total
of a line of thinking
that helps mister Hitler
quite a bit to win
his war for fascism.

Woody Guthrie
330 W. 11 St
New York City

62-36434-78

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FOI/PA RECORD NO. 62-81441-1

SAC, Little Rock

Director, FBI

June 28, 1946

WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE

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There are attached hereto copies of a telegram received at the Bureau June 25, 1946, signed by [redacted] making a nonspecific complaint against the above-named subject and several others.

The information contained in the telegram is incomplete in stating the nature of the activities complained of or the location of Guthrie. Accordingly, you should arrange for an interview [redacted] in order to make this complaint sufficiently specific to conduct an investigation if that is indicated.

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You will advise the Houston Field Division and any other Field Division involved should your inquiry indicate that there is some substance to the complaint.

Attachment

CC: Houston.

JNA/dm

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Mease
Miss Gandy

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Dear [redacted]

Your telegram dated June 24, 1946, concerning Woodroe Wilson Guthrie and several other persons has been brought to my attention.

I have instructed Mr. D. R. Morley, Special Agent in Charge of the Little Rock Field Division of this Bureau, to arrange for an Agent to talk to you in order to obtain more complete information concerning the substance of your telegram.

Sincerely yours,

JEH/dm

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JUN 25 1946

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J Edgar Hoover
[redacted]
FBI Wash DC
[redacted]

PLEASE INVESTIGATE WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE FOR UNAMERICAN [redacted] ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH [redacted] OF HOUSTON TEXAS [redacted] TODD-HOUSTON SHIP YARDS HOUSTON TEXAS ALSO DUE INVESTIGATION ON RECEIPTS OF BOND DRIVE THANKING YOU VERY MUCH

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
June 9, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: WOODROW W. GUTHRIE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

[redacted] furnished the following memorandum to the San Francisco Office dated June 2, 1941: b7D

"A confidential informant advises that subject person is a Communist. Subject is from some place in New York State and is driving a 1941 Model Pontiac Sedan bearing 1940 New York license plates XX32. Has been residing temporarily at 1 Oakwood Drive, Glendale, Calif., was in Sonora, Calif. on or about May 13, 1941. The General Motors Acceptance Corp. in New York City is said to be looking for subject because of his failure to make car payments. Wasstopped by Oregon State Police upon entering Oregon from California on or about May 15, 1941, because of having 1940 license plates on auto. Disposition of case in Oregon unknown. Subject said to be traveling about the country making a motion picture for the Department of Interior."

This information is being furnished to the offices receiving copies of this letter for whatever action might be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

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100-29988-1

Special Agent in Charge

DCS:MR
cc New York
cc Buffalo
cc Albany
cc Portland

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

From a confidential source, information has been furnished this Bureau that one Woodrow W. Guthrie, who is employed by the Department of the Interior, is allegedly a member of the Communist Party. This individual is reported as being at the present time on the West Coast, engaged in the making of a motion picture for the Department of Interior.

It is requested that you advise me at the earliest possible date whether any investigation of this person should be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in view of Public Law No. 135, 77th Congress, which directs this Bureau to undertake investigations of employees of the Federal Government who are members of subversive organizations or who advocate the overthrow of this government.

Yours very truly

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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AND FIELD OFFICES
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SLIP (S) OF 00
DATE 7-9-80

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ON 6/25/80

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Carson
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Miss Gandy

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☐ Information pertained only to a third party. Your name is listed in the title only.

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October 17, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: WOODROW W. GUTHRIE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your communication of June 9, 1941, in the above-captioned matter I wish to advise that the files of the Bureau reflect that the Department of the Interior has addressed a letter to me stating that Woodrow W. Guthrie was employed by the Bonneville Power Administration as an information consultant at Portland, Oregon, on May 15, 1941, for a period not to exceed 30 days. The letter further states that the subject's services were terminated effective June 13, 1941.

It appears, therefore, that Guthrie is no longer an employee of another Governmental agency and in the event the files of your field division reflect the desirability of conducting an investigation into his activities and sympathies in order to determine whether they are inimical to the best interests of this Government you are at liberty to do so.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: New York
Buffalo
Albany
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

ALBANY, NEW YORK

August 14, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: WOODROW W. GUTHRIE
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter dated June 9, 1941 from the San Francisco Office to the Bureau, a copy of which was sent to this office.

The New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles has reported to us that New York license plate for 1940, No. XX32, covered a 1941 Pontiac Sedan, and was issued to WOODROW W. GUTHRIE, 115 E. Chestnut Street, Glendale, California.

Inasmuch as the Subject is a resident of California, no further investigation is being contemplated by this office, and the case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Clegg

J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge

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cc San Francisco

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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July 15, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONWIDE
PRODUCTION "IT'S UP TO YOU"

I am attaching a program of the production "It's Up To You," which was staged at the Department of Agriculture Auditorium in Washington, D. C., for a ten day period commencing on June 22, 1943. The production was [redacted] and because of the tenor of the production Agent [redacted] checked the Bureau files and ascertained that the following named individuals connected with the production of this show are either closely associated with the Communist Party or members thereof: Earl Robinson, Woody Guthrie

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The show was written by Arthur Arent and Earl Robinson "in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture."

It is pointed out that on the night of the attendance by Agent [redacted] Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard spoke and praised the production as an attempt to bring home to the American people the necessity of their contributions under the rationing program in order to achieve the utmost for the war effort. Secretary Wickard indicated that the show would be produced simultaneously, as much as possible, throughout the country, and that it is contemplated the production will be shown in as many communities as possible with the casts being selected from the community and nearby communities.

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Mr. Tamm

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[redacted]

WOODY GUTHRIE, in June, 1941, was reported to the San Francisco office as being a Communist and as working for the Department of Interior making a motion picture. The Department of Interior at that time advised the Bureau that Guthrie had been employed by it as an information consultant at Portland, Oregon, in the Bonneville Power Administration on May 13, 1941, and his services were terminated on June 13, 1941. In November, 1942, the Baltimore Field Office reported that through the medium of a confidential informant it was learned that a mass meeting was held at the negro Wik's Hall in Baltimore, on which occasion the speakers were James W. Ford, an official of the Communist Party, USA, and Woody Guthrie. Guthrie is identified as having associated with one John R. Forrest, a song writer, and collaborated with Forrest and Earl Robinson and Dmitri Shostakovich.

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[redacted] Guthrie has been a resident of both New York City and Los Angeles.

[redacted]

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Conclusion

I thought you would be interested in being informed of this, especially because it was indicated that the production would be shown throughout the country and it may envoke some comment. It would appear that it has been utilized as an outlet for some Communist Party propaganda with respect to its Party line of "rationing everything." In this connection a letter dated June 18, 1943, was received from the Department of Agriculture Office of Personnel enclosing an anonymous statement entitled "Federal Government Money Helps the Communist," which was mailed to the United Service Organization, Empire State Building, New York City on June 8, 1943. A copy of the anonymous communication is attached as being of interest. It apparently refers to the New York City production of the show "It's Up To You."

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

Attachments

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 6-2-50

FROM: SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, Was.
WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE,
WOODY GUTHRIE, WOODIE GUTHRIE
Security Matter--C

RE: El Paso letter to New York dated 2-15-50 in captioned matter; report of SA [redacted] dated 4-3-50 at Los Angeles entitled "Factionalists Sabotage Group, Internal Security--C". b7C

[redacted] identified a photograph of GUTHRIE as being the individual to whom he had previously referred as (WOODY), and who was a member of the Factionalist Sabotage Group. [redacted] GUTHRIE from approximately April 15, 1950 to May 15, 1950 resided at the home of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] ascertained that GUTHRIE left Los Angeles [redacted] GUTHRIE was in El Paso, Texas, where he would contact his children and former wife. [redacted] b7D

[redacted] b7D

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JRH:MWR
CC: El Paso

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[redacted] the ultimate purpose of this group is sabotage against the United States during war with Russia [redacted] b7D

By letter dated May 15, 1950 in the referenced matter the Bureau requested that individual investigations be opened concerning members of this group and security index cards be considered.

El Paso is requested to verify the residence of the subject in El Paso [redacted] b7C

Upon receipt of this verification, Los Angeles will submit a RUC report covering GUTHRIE's activities known to this office.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/21/50

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody
Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rebutel dated July 14, 1950, entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", Bufile 100-369268.

Referenced teletype directed Los Angeles to advise the Bureau, under individual caption, of the identity of each individual thus far identified with the group mentioned in the referenced teletype and to recommend Security Index cards at the earliest possible date. The Bureau also directed that the persons connected with this group and their activities and location be closely followed.

[redacted] advised that he had ascertained [redacted] that the subject was presently residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn 24, New York. b7D

A pending report setting out leads to verify the subject's residence and employment in New York is presently being transcribed and will be forwarded to the New York and El Paso Offices at an early date.

JRH:jld
100-32263
cc: New York (AM)
El Paso

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

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TITLE
WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was. Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie

CHARACTER OF CASE
SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted]

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DETAILS

PERSONAL HISTORY

Name

[redacted] (2)

of the subject is WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE and advised that the correct name WILSON GUTHRIE, WOODY GUTHRIE and WOODIE GUTHRIE.

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Residence

[redacted] (c) advised that prior to his departure from Los Angeles on May 15, 1950, GUTHRIE'S last residence was at the home [redacted] b-1

[redacted] (c) b-1

The Communist Party, USA, has been declared to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[redacted] (c) it was announced over Radio Station KGIL, 1260 kilocycles, Los Angeles, California, on a folk song program, that GUTHRIE had left the Los Angeles area for El Paso, Texas, and that he would subsequently go to New Orleans, Louisiana and then to New York City. b-1

[redacted] (c) advised that he had ascertained that the subject is presently residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. b-1

Employment

[redacted] (c) advised that GUTHRIE is employed as a free-lance folk singer, song writer and has acted in various plays and has authored the book "Bound for Glory". b-1

Citizenship

A review of the autobiography by WOODY GUTHRIE entitled "Bound for Glory", published by E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, New York, in 1943, reflects that GUTHRIE was born in Okemah, Oklahoma, in 1912.

Background

In the March, 1943 issue of the magazine "New Yorker", on Page 60, there is a book review of the subject's book, which is a chronicle of his youth and his subsequent trips into western United States, "Riding the Rods". This review stated that GUTHRIE "did not get along with California fruit growers who exploit itinerant labor, or with the fascist Americans who were all set to beat up our native Japanese the day following Pearl Harbor, or with the impresarios of the Rainbow Room who tried to hire him and his guitar, or with his freight train companions who drew the 'color line', stuffed white shirts and highly moral folk in general".

ACTIVITIES

[redacted] b-1

The Daily People's World is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

The 1948 report of "Un-American Activities in California", the report of the Joint Fact Finding Committee to the 1948 regular California Legislature, Sacramento, California, on Pages 342 and 343, under the heading of "Daily People's World", lists 128 names of individuals who are present or past writers for the Daily People's World. Included in this list is the name of "WOODY GUTHRIE".

The Daily People's World of March 3, 1949, Page 4, Column 3, advertises a "Cradle Will Rock" Hootenany which would welcome back WOODY GUTHRIE.

The Daily People's World issue of March 14, 1949, Page 3, Column 3, contains an advertisement that WOODY GUTHRIE, noted folk balladist, would be among the entertainers at the Independent Progressive Party first birthday party, to be held March 25, 1949 at the Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] b-1

The Daily People's World issue of March 25, 1949, on Page 19, Column 1, states that WOODY GUTHRIE, ballad singer and composer of "songs to grow on", would perform at the Dance Center, 462 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, on March 26, 1949.

The Daily People's World issue of October 5, 1949, Page 5, Columns 1 to 6, contains an article by WOODY GUTHRIE date lined New York and entitled "Charter Records Sing for the People". An editor's note accompanying this article described WOODY GUTHRIE as an old friend of the Daily People's World and stated that the article announced the formation of a progressive record company, Charter Records. The article states that GUTHRIE is an individual who stays close to the troubles, fights and ups and downs of the trade union workers and he is most apt, therefore, to turn out the best "stuff" and to have the finest, highest type of an audience.

(c)

An accompanying photograph of GUTHRIE with the above article was exhibited [redacted] identified the subject as an individual who has been closely associated with a group of expelled Communist Party members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who are currently meeting in Los Angeles, California. (c) [redacted] this group is organized for sabotage against the United States during war with Russia. [redacted] b-1

The veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade have been declared to be within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

(c) [redacted] b-1 b7D

(c) [redacted] b7D

DESCRIPTION

(c) [redacted] furnished the following description of the subject: b-1

Name	WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE
Aliases	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie
Age	38 (1950)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Nationality	American
Height	5' 5"
Weight	135 lbs.
Hair	Reddish brown - close cropped
Eyes	Blue

LA 100-32263

Complexion	Ruddy
Marital Status	Divorced
Occupation	Musician, author
Peculiarities	Weather-beaten face
Residence	3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
Former Residence	932½ North Lucile, Los Angeles, California
Wife (divorced)	Mrs. PERCY D. BAILEY, 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas.
Children	GWENDOLYN GAIL GUTHRIE, Age 14, 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas; Two other children, names and ages unknown.
Photograph	Available Los Angeles and New York.

PENDING

For the information of the Bureau and Offices receiving a copy of this report (b)

[redacted]

(c)

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The Bureau, by teletype dated July 14, 1950, directed the Los Angeles Office to institute immediate individual investigations of those persons identified with the sabotage group and to recommend Security Index cards at the earliest possible date.

For the information of the New York Office, no specific leads have been set out relative to the background of the subject inasmuch as from information available to this Office it appears that GUTHRIE has been active in New York and in all probability is known to that Office.

NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City, New York: Will verify the subject's residence at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; will ascertain his employment and recommend a Security Index card at the earliest possible date.

Will furnish available background information regarding the subject in order that it may be included in a subsequent report of the case entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

EL PASO OFFICE

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[redacted] for additional information regarding the Communist Party activities of the subject in Los Angeles, it being noted that the only reported information identifiable with the subject's activities in Los Angeles during 1939-40 was that he was a former writer for the Daily People's World and received his mail in care of them.

Will furnish any information available regarding GUTHRIE'S visit to El Paso subsequent to May 15, 1950.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California: Will, upon receipt of the above information, submit an RUC report.

4-750 (2-7-79)

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REFERENCES: El Paso letter to New York dated February 15, 1950.
Los Angeles letter to El Paso dated June 2, 1950.
Report of SA [redacted] entitled "FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C", dated April 3, 1950, at Los Angeles (Bufile 100-369263).

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, El Paso

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to Los Angeles let to the Bureau dated 6-2-50.

Reference is also made to Butel dated 7-14-50 to Los Angeles entitled "Factionalist Sabotage Group - Internal Security - C," Bufile 100-369268.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on July 26 and July 27, 1950.

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[redacted] furnished the following additional information:

[redacted]

To the best of the knowledge of [redacted] WOODY GUTHRIE had not been in El Paso, Texas, within the past nine years for the purpose of visiting his children or for any other purpose. About a year ago WOODY GUTHRIE was residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, 24, New York, and this was the last address available [redacted] Also about a year ago they learned that a subsequent wife of GUTHRIE's, MARJORIE, who also has three children by him, separated from him.

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WOODY GUTHRIE has some 300 records registered with ALLAN LOMACK Library of Music, Washington, D. C., and currently gets royalties from them. For this reason, in the opinion [redacted]

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cc: 2-Los Angeles(100-32263)
2-New York

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GUTHRIE's present whereabouts would always be known to Mr. LOMACK.

WOODY GUTHRIE's father is CHARLES GUTHRIE, who was last known to be employed as a photographer in some drug store in Oklahoma City. [redacted] were of the opinion that WOODY GUTHRIE frequently corresponded with his father.

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No leads are being suggested by the El Paso Office, since the Los Angeles Office by letter to the Bureau dated 7-21-50 set forth information indicating that as of 7-4-50 the subject was residing at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, apparently the permanent address of this subject.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 31, 1950

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurtel dated 7-14-50; rerep of SA [redacted] dated 8-14-50 at Los Angeles, both entitled FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP: INTERNAL SECURITY - C; rerep of SA [redacted] dated 8-3-50 at Los Angeles in captioned matter.

Referenced teletype requested the Los Angeles office to institute immediate individual investigations of those persons identified with the sabotage group, submit letters under the names of the persons identified with the group, and follow with reports recommending security index cards at the earliest possible date.

Referenced report in connection with the FACTIONALIST SABOTAGE GROUP contains all the information known to this office at this time relative to GUTHRIE's association [redacted]

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Referenced report in the captioned matter dated August 3, 1950 summarizes this information and reflects that GUTHRIE is presently reported to reside at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

This latter report requested the New York office to verify GUTHRIE's employment and residence in the New York City area and also advised them of the contents of your teletype of July 14, 1950.

Upon receipt of the information requested of the New York office and verification of the subject's residence and employment in the Brooklyn or New York area, Los Angeles will submit an RUC report.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 195

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody
Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Rerep SA [redacted] 8/3/50. Re El Paso letter to the Bureau 8/4/50. Re Dallas letter to Los Angeles 9/26/50 in the case entitled [redacted]

Referenced report, a copy of which is enclosed for the assistance of the Dallas Office, [redacted]

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[redacted] had determined that the subject was allegedly a member of the Communist Party and was especially very active in the Communist Party in 1939 and 1940 at Los Angeles.

Since the date of the referenced report the only additional information which has come to the attention of the Los Angeles Office is that furnished by New York letter dated July 27, 1950. [redacted]

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cc: Dallas (Encl.)
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Woodey Guthrie

A hillbilly songster on the radio. [redacted]

GUTHRIE for a time also wrote a humorous column in Will Rogers style for the Daily Worker. b7D

[redacted]

He has been a member of several fronts but his main function has been in getting entertainment on the radio. b7D

The Dallas Office is requested to recontac[redacted] for any additional information he may have ascertained regarding the subject [redacted]

[redacted]

Inasmuch as GUTHRIE has been reported to be residing in the New York City area and the latter Office is currently conducting investigation to verify this residence, Dallas is requested to furnish both Los Angeles and New York with the results of their interview.

SAC, Los Angeles

January 15, 1951

Director, FBI

WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-32263
New York file 100-87247
Bufile 100-29988

Re Los Angeles letter October 19, 1950.

It is requested that New York submit a report promptly and that it embody the information furnished [redacted]

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cc New York

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FILE NO. 100- 8485-n1

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DALLAS, TEXAS	2-14-51	2-5-51	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, WAS	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] has no further information concerning subjects activities. [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT BIG SPRING, TEXAS

[redacted] informed that he has no information concerning GUTHRIE not previously furnished. He again went over his knowledge of GUTHRIE'S activities but there was nothing of pertinence not already reported.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

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NY FILE NO. 100-87247 JP

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK	2/24/51	1/25/51	[redacted] b7C

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, NY. Confidential Informant states that subject, at one time, wrote a humerous column for the "Daily Worker", and that subject was a very zealous Communist in the 1940's. The subject is reported to receive the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker" as well as other Communist publications through the mails.

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.
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DETAILS:

[redacted] advised that the subject now resides at 49 Murdock Court, Beach Haven Apartments, Brooklyn, New York. b-1 b7D

[redacted] stated that the subject was a guitar player and was not known to be employed. b-1

At the Beach Haven Apartments, Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, it was determined that the subject presently resides in Apartment 1-J, 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, New York. The subject has resided at that address since October 1, 1950, at which time he moved there from 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn,

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New York. The lease for the subject's apartment reflects no employment for WOODROW GUTHRIE; however, it shows that his wife is employed at the Neighborhood Playhouse, School of Theater. The tenant mail boxes for the apartment building at 49 Murdock Court lists one MAZIA GUTHRIE as a tenant in apartment 1-J.

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Communist Party Activity

(c) [redacted] b-1

(c) advised b-1 b7D that the subject was a hillbilly songster on the radio [redacted] stated, that for a short time, the subject wrote a humorous column in WILL ROGERS style for the "Daily Worker".

(c) [redacted] b-1 b7D the subject had been a member of several Communist front organizations.

(c) [redacted] advised that, while the subject resided at 3520 Hermaid Avenue in Brooklyn, he used to receive the "Daily Worker" and the "Worker", as well as "other" Communist literature through the mails. This informant was unable to recall the names of the "other" Communist literature received by the subject.

It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist publication, and that the "Worker" is the Sunday edition of this publication.

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The election records of the Borough of Brooklyn show that WOODROW W. GUTHRIE enrolled from 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, as blank 1946, American Labor Party 1948 and 1949. MARJORIE GUTHRIE enrolled from the same address for the American Labor Party in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

It is to be noted that the American Labor Party was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in March, 1944.

(C) [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

El Paso letter to the Bureau dated August 4, 1950 reflects information to the effect that the subject's wife is separated from him.

(C) [redacted] that the subject had been separated from his wife for a while, however, they were back together again at the present time. b-1

The election records for the Borough of Brooklyn were checked by SE [redacted] b7C

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LOS ANGELES

At Los Angeles, California

Will execute Form FD-128.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted], at New York, dated February 24, 1951, are as follows:

[redacted]

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 8/3/50, Los Angeles.
Los Angeles letter to the Bureau, 10/19/50.

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FD-128
(10-19-49)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1951

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-29988)

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Apartment 1-J, 49 Murdock Court

Brooklyn, New York

Business Address: _____

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Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
___ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
___ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
___ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
___ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
___ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

___ Security Index Cards

Serials (specify) Report of SA [redacted] dated February 14, 1951, at Dallas.

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cc: New York Division (Enc.)

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: March 22, 1951

FROM: [redacted] SAC, Los Angeles

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-29988)

Enclosed is Form FD-128 reflecting New York as new Office of Origin and a copy of the report in the captioned matter of SA [redacted] dated February 14, 1951, at Dallas. b7C

Since the submission of the report of SA [redacted] JR., dated August 3, 1950, at Los Angeles, no information has come to the attention of the Los Angeles Office that has not been reported in the report of SA [redacted] dated February 24, 1951, at New York, with the exception of the below-described news articles. b7C

The New York Office was advised by Los Angeles letter dated February 27, 1951, of the syndicated column of LEONARD LYONS which appeared in the Los Angeles Daily News on February 22, 1951. LYONS writes for the Post-Hall Syndicate, Inc., 295 Madison Avenue, New York City 17, New York. The last paragraph of this column refers to WOODY GUTHRIE, who is described as a hobo minstrel who wrote the best selling book, "Bound for Glory," and is the author of the new song hit "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You."

The article states that the subject was rushed to a Coney Island Hospital because of a ruptured appendix.

In view of the fact that no additional information has come to the attention of the Los Angeles Office regarding this individual since his departure in 1950 from this area, no report is being submitted.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that no Security Index Card was recommended by the Los Angeles Office for this individual, although he was affiliated with the Factionalist Sabotage Group, Bureau file 100-369268, in view of the subject's departure from this area and his subsequent residence in New York. RUC.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NY FILE No. 100-87247

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK	APR 1 0 195	3/15,16,20,22/51	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP (3) JY 00 DATE 7-9-80

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

In an article published in 6/19/49 issue of "Daily Worker", subject states he joined CP in 1936. Subject has been active in furnishing entertainment for CP functions. Subject on Board of Directors of People's Voice, 1946 and 1947.

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-4
DATE OF REVIEW 6/26/80

DETAILS: COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

The June 19, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, on pages 3 and 12, section 2, carried an article entitled, "My Constitution and Me" by WOODY GUTHRIE. This article is described as a "true short story".

In this article, the subject states that he had a thirty minute program over Station KFVD, Los Angeles, California, in 1936. In that same year, subject was in Sacramento, and while there, looked in a "little bookstore window. This window was full of trade union books." The subject bought a ten cents pocket novel. He "thought it read, 'Trade Union Constitution of the USA' ----. It did not say 'Trade Union Constitution of the USA', it read 'Constitution of the Soviet Union, USSR'."

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Subject then lists the following points he derived from reading the book:

"(1). You are guaranteed a job as long as you live.
(2). The longer you work the longer you live.
(3). Women folk and men folk are the same and get the same pay for doing the same work.
(4). Color of your skin can't keep you from working and voting."

The subject continues his article and then commences with point:

"(15). You get a few days pay when you get pregnant.

(16). Every smokestack and boiler belong to the workhands.

(17). Every crosstie and rail joint belong to the railroad hands.

(18). I can't get rich with your sweat and blood.

(19). Nobody hanging around the streets out of work."

The subject continues his story and describes attending a meeting of cotton strikers held in a small church. He states that the place was surrounded by deputies, but that he attended, and sang at this meeting anyway.

The subject states that he thereafter returned to Station KFVD and during his last few months there dedicated all his songs to trade union workers. GUTHRIE stated that he "wore that little ten cent blue book out, carrying it around in my shirt pocket. The best thing that I did in 1936, though, was to sign up with the Communist Party and start turning the open pages of some thicker books. I bought and gave away about a dozen of those little blue U. S. S. R. Constitution books since 1936."

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 14, 1941, on page 7, columns 2 and 3, carries an article which reflects that the subject was one of the "Almanac Singers", and that the "Almanac Singers" were touring the country singing workers' songs to the working people, mainly to trade unions, but to the "common

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people everywhere. This article also states that they were to sing for the International Workers Order on August 16, 1941 and had sung at the American People's Mobilization mass meeting in Oakland, California, on August 8, 1941.

It is noted that the International Workers Order has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835, as has the American Peace Mobilization. Concerning the American People's Mobilization, the May 29, 1946 report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, states "'Three weeks later (after June 21, 1941) American Peace Mobilization***was changing its name to American People's Mobilization***'. (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7685)."

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advised on April 23, 1949 that WOODY GUTHRIE, of Oklahoma, gave lectures at the Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia in 1942 on folk songs and music.

It is to be noted that the Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

SAS [redacted] attended the b7C
Lenin, Lincoln, Douglas Memorial Meeting held at Broad Street Mansion, In Philadelphia on February 12, 1943, under the auspices of the Communist Party Central Region. These agents advised that WOODY GUTHRIE entertained at the meeting by singing songs.

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The Workers School of New York City was cited as "an official Communist Party school" located at 35 East 12th Street, New York City, which was also headquarters of the Communist Party. The instructors were always members of the Communist Party. Cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities report dated March 29, 1944.

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 10, 1943, page 7, column 3, contains an article written by the subject which concerns the review of the subject's book, "Bound for Glory", by

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MIKE GOLD. In this article, the subject states, "MIKE GOLD'S review of my book, 'Bound for Glory', has caused me to write you this letter. Last night I sang for the members and friends of the Sea Gate (Brooklyn) Branch of the Communist Party." The subject also states that he is shipping out in a few days as a messman and states, "I know I won't be afraid of the U-boats as long as there's a whole world full of people like you (MIKE GOLD) back there to keep things going. Gosh look how the 'Daily Worker' and the 'People's World' and the 'Midwest Labor' keeps afloat."

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[redacted], appeared in the New York Office on February 8, 1944, and volunteered information concerning alleged Communists on board merchant ships [redacted] stated that he was acquainted with a number of individuals who were all employed as messmen on the Liberty ship WILLIAM B. TRAVIS, which was torpedoed September 12, 1943.

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[redacted] these men, who included WOODY GUTHRIE, followed the Communist Party line in that they were very pro-Russian, and advocated racial intermarriage.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 7, 1945, section 2, page 4, column 1, contains a full page article by WOODY GUTHRIE. This article by the subject states how they got seamen to write letters to Congressmen about "unemployment insurance for seamen, citizenship for alien seamen and a G. I. bill of rights for seamen". The subject states that he wrote 112 one page letters and that the total number of letters written by the seamen were 1,029. The subject also states in this article that they took up a collection to help elect VITO MARCANTONIO.

It should be noted for several terms, prior to the 1950 election in which he was defeated, VITO MARCANTONIO was the American Labor Party Congressman from New York City. Concerning the American Labor Party, the May 29, 1946 report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, states as follows:

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"American Labor Party

"1. Support of the Communist Party to the above has been recognized by the appointment of a Communist to an official position in the city government (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1938, p. 356).

"2. Cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944 (pp. 49, 77f, 153, 189)."

The "Daily Worker" issue of May 1, 1945, page 6 column 1, carries an article entitled, "May Day Greetings from Disc Company of America. Official Producers of U. S. S. R. Records and Official Record Producers for the French American Cultural Exchange". Among the artists listed as sending May Day greetings was WOODY GUTHRIE.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 12, 1947, carries an article by the subject entitled, "Me and Ingrid". The subject discusses movies and states that INGRID BERGMAN is one of the best, but would like to see her in "any parts as real or as honest as the slum picture which SYLVIA SIDNEY did a few years back. The movies are sewed up too tight by our bankers these days to fight or to ridicule our landlords." The subject also states "when the workers own and control their own movie sets and studios, own their theaters and radios then we can have real facts of life played and acted for us by artists even more capable, more social conscious than ones we've got now". The subject continues by stating, "the social system to replace the sour blackmarket setup we've got will cause a finer use to be made of finer cleaner minds". In this article the subject discussed his background to some extent and states that he is married to a dance teacher, MARJORIE, who dances and rehearses at several dance schools; that he shipped for eleven months in the Merchant Marine, and was in the United States Army for eight months.

"American Labor Party

"1. Support of the Communist Party to the above has been recognized by the appointment of a Communist to an official position in the city government (Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, report, 1938, p. 356).

"2. Cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, March 29, 1944 (pp. 49, 77f, 153, 189)."

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[redacted] The February 11, 1946 issue of "Peoples' Songs" lists [redacted]DY GUTHRIE as a member of the Advisory Committee.

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The subject is listed as a member of the Board of Directors in the issues which appear between the months of April, 1946 and March, 1947. The subject during that period also had numerous songs of his appear in various issues, sent birthday greetings to the publication, and contributed articles. Photographs of the subject have also appeared in various issues of this publication.

"Peoples' Songs" was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946 in New York City. "All of the productions of "Peoples' Songs", Inc. follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

The April, 1946 issue of "Peoples' Songs", on page 1, column 1, indicates that the subject was one of the singers at the first public concert presented by the "Peoples' Songs", Inc. in March, 1946.

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(C) [redacted] that a musical evening on April 11, 1947 at the Needle Trades Auditorium, 225 West 24th Street, New York City, was to be held under the auspices of the Spanish Refugee Appeal. WOODY GUTHRIE was to partake in the entertainment. b-1

It is to be noted that the Spanish Refugee Appeal has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

(C) [redacted] MARJORIE and WOODROW GUTHRIE were members of Lodge 514 of the International Workers Order. b-1

The "Journal American" issue of September 1, 1950 contains an article by HOWARD RUSHMORE entitled, "WNYC Screened to Bar Red Songs". This article stated that folk singers and hillbilly song specialists who have been linked with Commu[redacted]st Party front groups are being barred from municipally [redacted]

Communications Industry

Howard Rushmore - Employed By Above

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owned station WNYC. A month ago, SIEGEL, director of the station, ordered a recording by singer PAUL ROBESON cut from the program and three other folk singers and musicians who formerly appeared on the show have been missing for several months." WOODY GUTHRIE was named as one of the three missing.

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the subject and the other messmen were interested in delivering various packages of pamphlets which had been brought on board by someone in a secretive manner and were kept in the "messboys' room" occupied by the subject and others. [redacted]

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OKLAHOMA CITY

At Okema, Oklahoma

Will verify the birth of the subject who is reported to have been born in 1912 at Okema, Oklahoma.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision in regard to form FD-122 submitted.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA [redacted] dated APR 10 1951 at New York, New York, are as follows:

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] 2/24/51, New York
Form Letter FD 128 dated 3/22/51.

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FD-122
(10-19-49)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [redacted] Director, FBI

DATE: APR 10 1951

FROM: [redacted] SAC, New York

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bureau File #100-29988)

Card Filed 5-8-51

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above captioned individual.

___ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE

ALIASES WOODROW GUTHRIE, WOODY GUTHRIE, WOODIE GUTHRIE

CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL ATTACHED

RACE W SEX M NATIVE BORN X NATURALIZED ___ ALIEN ___

COMMUNIST X SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY ___ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE ___

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) ___

TAB FOR DETCOM X TAB FOR COMSAB X

DATE OF BIRTH 1912 PLACE OF BIRTH Okema, Oklahoma

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, NY

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Free Lance Folk Singer

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NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Strategic and Vital Industry List)

None

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT [redacted] NEW YORK — OC FILE NO. 100-5548

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OKLAHOMA CITY	7/3/51	5/24,26/51	[redacted] b7

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Birth records, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflect Subject born 7/14/12 Okfuskee County, Okemah, Oklahoma. Report submitted by Oklahoma Highway Patrol reflects present address, name of father, sister and two brothers, and present occupation of Subject; further that he has no criminal record and no reputation as Communist in Okemah, Oklahoma.

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DETAILS: At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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[redacted] Bureau of Vital Statistics, Oklahoma State Department of Health, made available records which reflect the following about Subject: Born July 14, 1912, Okemah, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma; father, CHARLEY EDWARD GUTHRIE, who was born in Bosque County, Texas; mother NORA BELLE SHERMAN, born "somewhere in Kansas", two other children living at time of birth.

The above information was reflected in Delay Volume #640, Page 313.

A report dated April 4, 1951, submitted by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, reflects the following information:

Present address: 2530 MerMaid Avenue, Coney Island, Brooklyn, New York
Father: C. E. GUTHRIE, living in Oklahoma City; present address in Oklahoma City not known.

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Sister: MARY JO EDSOM, living in Seminole, Oklahoma - address unknown. She is employed at a Drive-In Theater in Seminole. Her husband's name not known; however, he works in a bank in Seminole.

Brothers: ROY GUTHRIE, living im Pampa, Texas - employed by Texas Oil Company

GEORGE GUTHRIE, living somewhere in California - exact whereabouts unknown.

Present occupation: Woodrow Wilson Guthrie is a radio singer and a composer of music.

Subject has no criminal record and enjoys a good reputation in Okemah, Oklahoma, his home town. No comments suggesting he was a Communist or Communist sympathizer was obtained.

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OC 100-[redacted]

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/10/51 at New York.

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FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT : WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C
(Bufile 100-29988)

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Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 4/10/51, New York.

Attached are corrected copies of page 6 of referenced report. It is to be noted that paragraph 8, line 2 states "WNYC Screened to Bar Radio Songs". This should read "WNYC Screened to Bar Red Songs".

Corrected copies of page 6 have been included in the referenced report by the NYO and the old pages distroyed. Corrected pages are also being furnished the Oklahoma City Division.

No further investigation is being contemplated by the NYO at this time and no leads are presently outstanding in this case.

This case is being placed in a closed status in the NYO.

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cc: Oklahoma (Encls. 2) (100-5548)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, Was.	SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject GUTHRIE spent several weeks with [redacted], during November and December, 1951, after which he departed in December or January, 1952, for New York City, where he was last reported in March, 1952. Informant advises subject was egocentric and did not in his presence express any views indicative of sympathy to the Soviet. b7C

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AT JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

[redacted] after viewing the photograph of subject GUTHRIE, stated that this photograph did not bear the likeness of any individual that he had seen at [redacted] during January or February, 1952. This Informant also viewed the photographs of the three individuals convicted for conspiracy to advocate the violent overthrow of the Government in New York City and the four persons indicted on this same charge, and who are not now in custody. This Informant, after viewing b7D

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the photographs, advised that they did not bear the likeness of any individual whom he had observed at [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that during the past three months he has observed no correspondence addressed to the subject, care of the residence address of [redacted] b7C

The reporting Agent viewed the photograph of WOODIE GUTHRIE, subject of New York investigation, entitled as indicated in this report. This photograph is the likeness of the WOODIE GUTHRIE, who was observed at the residence [redacted] during November and early January, 1952. b7C

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[redacted] advised that he has had occasion to visit the residence of [redacted] on a number of occasions. He viewed the photograph of WOODIE GUTHRIE, subject of New York case entitled as in this report, and advised that this was a likeness of a person whom he met at [redacted] residence in November or December, 1951. This Informant stated that GUTHRIE had remained at [redacted] residence for several weeks and that, either during the latter part of December, 1951, or early January, 1952, departed [redacted] obstensibly for return to New York City. Informant also stated that only recently, in conversation [redacted] he learned [redacted] had received during the past three or four weeks, a letter from GUTHRIE, who was then residing in New York City. b7C

Informant also viewed the photographs of the three convicted Communists and of the four Communists who are indicted in New York City and who had not, as yet, been apprehended. Informant stated that these photographs were not likenesses of any persons that he had observed at the residence [redacted] b7C

Informant stated that during the Summer of 1951, in conversation [redacted] indicated that he had invited to his residence [redacted] an individual who was a singer and guitar player from New York. According to the Informant, finally in November or December of 1951, this individual arrived [redacted] to spend some time [redacted] He stated that he met this person on two or three occasions; that at no time did he ever get into any discussion with GUTHRIE, at which time GUTHRIE indicated any sympathy to the Soviet Government. The Informant described GUTHRIE as b7C

very egocentric and stated that he seemed most concerned about himself. Informant also advised that [redacted] he learned that GUTHRIE was supposed to have written a book entitled, "Bound for Glory," which was reportedly an autobiography of GUTHRIE, and that he had written and also sang many labor songs. He stated also that GUTHRIE was supposed to have written the recent hit, "So Long, It's Been Good to Know You," and that he was supposed to be receiving considerable earnings from this song [redacted] described GUTHRIE to the Informant as an individual who hitch-hiked around the country with his guitar and seemed to be satisfied from his earnings as a song writer. Informant also understood that GUTHRIE was married to an individual who was a teacher at a dancing school in New York, from whom he wanted a divorce at the present time. Informant advised that he had no other information concerning GUTHRIE, other than that [redacted] mentioned a few days previously, that they heard from GUTHRIE about three or four weeks before and that GUTHRIE, at that time, was in New York City where he was living.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

FD-128
(3-4-52)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 7/29/53

FROM : [redacted] SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
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Card U.T.D.
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Miami Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Miami Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Route 6, Box 263
Jacksonville, Florida

Business Address: Unknown

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Check the following applicable statements:

___ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
X This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Miami Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
___ This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
___ This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
___ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
___ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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1 - Report of SA [redacted], Los Angeles, 8/3/50.
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1 - Report of SA [redacted] New York, 2/24/51.
1 - Report of SA [redacted] New York, 4/10/51.
1 - Report of SA [redacted] Oklahoma City, 7/3/51.

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2 cc: Miami Division (Enc) (5) (100-12183)

Summary report follows.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: September 9, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-12183)

SUBJECT: [redacted] ODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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The above named is subject of Security Index Card whose permanent home apparently is in New York City, New York. During April, 1953, subject accompanied by [redacted] came to [redacted] and took up what has again proved to be temporary residence at the home [redacted]

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Investigation discloses that subject and [redacted] moved from this address during the latter part of July, 1953 [redacted]

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The Los Angeles Office is requested to verify address of this subject.

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2 cc: Los Angeles (RM)
1 cc: New York (100-87247) (RM)

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK	SEP 11 1953	12/2/51; 12/22/52; 2/18; 4/10, 21; 5/6; 8/19-21/53	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was: Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, "Woody" Guthrie	SECURITY MATTER - C

SUMMARY REPORT — SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

Synopsis:

Subject resides Rural Route #6, Jacksonville, Florida; employed free lance folk singer. Subject wrote article for "Daily Worker" admitting joining CP in 1936 [redacted]

[redacted]

Subject wrote a humor column for the "Daily Worker." [redacted] advised that subject member of CP from 1947 to January 1951. "Daily Worker" issue of 8/10/43 carries article written by subject. [redacted] advised subject subscribed to "Daily Worker" in January 1950 and May 1952. Subject wrote article for "Daily Worker" in issues of 1/7/45 and 1/12/47 and for "Daily Peoples World" in issue of 10/5/49. [redacted] advised in 1950 subject closely associated with group of expelled CP members and veterans of Abraham Lincoln Brigade who were organized for sabotage. Subject attended a number of meetings of this group. Subject on advisory committee of Peoples Songs in February 1946 and on its Board of Directors from April 1946 to March 1947. [redacted] advised subject lectured at Tom Paine School of Social Science at Philadelphia in 1942. [redacted] advised subject member of IWO Lodge 514 in July 1950, June 1951 and April 1952. [redacted] advised subject to entertain the Workers School of NYC on 5/23/43.

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DETAILS:

A. BACKGROUND

1. Birthdate

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Oklahoma State Department of Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, reflect a birth record of the subject. Delay Volume #640, page 313, reflects that the subject was born July 14, 1912, at Okemah, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma. His father was listed as CHARLEY EDWARD GUTHRIE, born in Texas, and his mother as NORA BELLE SHERMAN, born in Kansas.

2. Citizenship

As previously set forth, the subject is a United States citizen by birth.

3. Marital Status

MRS. WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE

Subject is reportedly married to MARJORIE GUTHRIE, who is also known as Marjorie Mazia and Mrs. Anthony Marra, who presently resides at 157-13 85 Street, Queens, New York.

The records of the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, located at 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, were reviewed on April 10, 1953, by SA [redacted] These records reflect the subject filed a claim on July 23, 1952, in which he advised he married MARJORIE GREENBLATT in 1945. The place of marriage was not given. The claim further stated that he had three children of this marriage, who were 5, 3 and 2 years of age in 1952.

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[redacted] Beach Haven Apartments, Management Office at 2611 West 2nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed by SA [redacted] on May 21, 1953. She stated that her organization owned and operated the apartments at 49 Murdock Court, Brooklyn, New York, where the subject resided with his wife in 1952. She stated that Mrs. GUTHRIE, subject's wife, operated a dancing school in the Sheepshead Bay area under the name of MARJORIE MAZIA.

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The Brooklyn Telephone Directory has the following listing: "MARJORIE MAZIA, School of Dancing, 1618 Sheepshead Bay Road."

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[redacted] The Veterans Administration records reflect that in 1945 the subject advised he was married to MARY JENNINGS GUTHRIE, 4002 Bliss Street, El Paso, Texas. He listed GWENDOLYN GALE GUTHRIE, CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE, and BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE as children born of this marriage.

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4. Military Service [redacted]

The records of the Regional Office of the Veterans Administration, previously mentioned, reflect the subject was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Dix, New Jersey on May 8, 1945. He was given Army Serial Number 422-346-34 and was honorably discharged at Mitchel Field, New York, as a private first class on January 12, 1946.

5. Residence

Subject is residing at Rural Route 6, Box 263, Jacksonville, Florida. The above address is referred to as "Beluthatchee." He is reported to be residing there with [redacted] b7c

Veterans Administration records reflect that at the time of the subject's discharge from the Army in January 1946 he gave his home address as 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. It was determined at the Beach Haven Apartments that the subject moved from 3520 Mermaid Avenue to 49 Murdock Court, Apartment 1J, on October 1, 1950.

[redacted] Beach Haven Apartments, advised that the subject had broken his lease and moved from the Murdock address on December 12, 1952 [redacted] advised that while she had no personal knowledge of the subject's private affairs, it was her understanding from conversation with other employees at the Management Office that the subject had not been living with his wife for several months prior to their removal from the Murdock address. [redacted] b7c

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[redacted] on December 5, 1952, the subject moved from 19 Murdock Court to 159-13 85 Street, Ozone Park, Queens, New York.

On April 10, 1953, SA [redacted] observed that 159-13 85 Street, Ozone Park, was situated in a development of newly erected one family houses. [redacted] when interviewed, advised that 159-13 85 Street was sold to ANTHONY G. MARRA and his wife. A review of the file disclosed that the original application for this home was filed by Mrs. MARJORIE MAZIA GUTHRIE. This application had been changed by erasure to Mrs. ANTHONY MARRA and then to ANTHONY G. MARRA. [redacted]

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6. Employment

Subject is employed as a free lance folk singer. He has also been employed as an author and musician. He wrote the song, "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You," and was the author of the book, "Bound for Glory," published by E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, New York, in 1943.

7. Status of Health

[redacted] the Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, at 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, was interviewed on April 10, 1953, by SA [redacted] advised that the subject entered this hospital on a voluntary basis on July 22, 1952, and was discharged on September 24, 1952.

[redacted] advised that the subject was diagnosed as suffering from Huntington's Chorea, which he described as a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. [redacted] said that this is a disease concerning which very little is known and for which there is

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no known cure. He explained that the disease appears to be inherited, noting that it had been determined that the subject's mother had died of a mental disease which appeared to have been Huntington's Chorea. He said that the disease usually strikes men in their late thirties or early forties and follows a rather distinct pattern of periods of neurotic and psychotic behavior followed by periods of apparent complete rationality. This disease is a deteriorating disease in that periods of being rational get shorter and the periods of emotional unbalance get longer until the patient is finally a hopeless mental cripple and finally dies.

[redacted] said that it was impossible to determine the length of the disorder because there was so many varied factors involved, but that a patient could live from five to twenty years with the disease. He said that the disease usually manifests itself in the fortieth year and that most patients have succumbed by the time they are 55 or 60 years of age. b7c

[redacted] stated that the clinical records indicate that GUTHRIE's case was fairly well advanced and that hospitalization would have been recommended but that because the subject had been a voluntary admission, he could not be held without a court order which would have had to be applied for by the subject's wife. The records indicate that the subject was released in the custody of his wife at the 49 Murdock Court address. b7c

B. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

1. Communist Party Membership

The June 19, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker," which is the East Coast Communist newspaper, Section 2, Pages 3 and 12, carried an article entitled, "My Constitution and Me," by WOODY GUTHRIE. This article is described as a "true short story." In this article, GUTHRIE stated, "The best thing that I did in 1936 though was to sign up with the Communist Party and start turning the open pages of some thicker books. I bought and gave away about a dozen of those little blue U.S.S.R. Constitution books since 1936."

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(c) [redacted]

(c) [redacted] stated that he observed the subject on a number of occasions at Communist meetings and stated that for a short time the subject wrote a humorous column in Will Rogers' style for the "Daily Worker." [redacted]

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(c) [redacted] advised on October 1, 1951, that he knew the subject as a member of the Music Section of the Communist Party from 1947 to January 1951. The informant advised that the subject wrote the song, "So Long, It's Been Good To Know You," and has made many records, one album for RCA Dust Bowl Ballads.

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(c) [redacted] advised that the subject was very active in Peoples Songs, Peoples Artists, Progressive Party and the American Labor Party.

[redacted] at one time the subject was a member of the Brighton Section of the Communist Party in Brooklyn, that the subject is a song writer and a folk singer, and that he had seen the subject on a number of occasions at Communist Party Headquarters.

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The "Daily Worker" issue of August 10, 1953, column 3, page 7, contained an article written by the subject which concerns the review of the subject's book, "Bound For Glory," by MIKE GOLD. In this article the subject states: "MIKE GOLD [redacted]

review of my book 'Bound for Glory' has caused me to write you this letter. Last night I sang for the members and friends of the Seagate Branch of the Communist Party." The subject also stated that he was shipping out in a few days as a messman and stated, "I know I won't be afraid of the U-Boats as long as there is a whole world full of people like you back there to keep things going. Gosh, look how the 'Daily Worker' and the 'Peoples World' and the 'Midwest Labor' keeps afloat."

2. Communist Party Sympathies

(c) [redacted], advised that while the subject resided at 3520 Mermaid Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, he received the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." As previously set forth, the subject resided at the Mermaid Avenue address from January 1946 to October 1950.

[redacted]

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"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper.

[redacted]

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The "Daily Worker," issue of January 7, 1945, section 2, column 1, on page 4, contains a full page article written by the subject. This article by the subject states how they got seamen to write letters to Congressmen about unemployment insurance for seamen, citizenship for alien seamen and a GI Bill of Rights for seamen. The subject stated that he wrote 112 one-page letters, and that the total number of letters written by the seamen were 1,029.

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 12, 1947, carries an article written by the subject entitled "Me and Ingrid."

The "Daily Peoples World" issue of March 3, 1949, column 3, page 4, advertises a "Cradle Will Rock" hootenany which would welcome back WOODY GUTHRIE.

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It is noted that the "Daily Peoples World" is an West Coast Communist newspaper.

The 1948 report of "Un-American Activities in California", which is the report of the Joint Fact Finding Committee to the 1948 regular California Legislature, Sacramento, California, on pages 342 and 343, under the heading of "Daily Peoples World" lists 128 names of individuals who are present or past writers for the "Daily People's World." Included in this list is the name of "WOODY GUTHRIE."

The "Daily People's World", issue of October 5, 1949, page 5, columns 1-6, contains an article by the subject datelined New York and entitled "Charter Records Sing for the People." An editor's note accompanying this article described the subject as an old friend of the "Daily People's World"

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3. Communist Party fronts

Abraham Lincoln Brigade

The Abraham Lincoln Brigade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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(C) [redacted] on January 25, 1950, identified the photograph of the subject as being an individual who has been closely associated with a group of expelled Communist Party members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who were currently meeting in Los Angeles, California (C) [redacted] advised that this group is organized for sabotage against the United Stat during war with Russia. [redacted] advised that GUTHRIE has attended a number of meetings of the aforementioned sabotage group, but he is unable to recall the exact dates and places of all the meetings the subject has attended. [redacted]

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Independent Progressive Party

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The "Daily Peoples World," issue of March 14, 1949, page 3, column 3, contains an advertisement that WOODY GUTHRIE, noted folk balladist, would be among the entertainers at the Independent Progressive Party's first birthday party to be held March 25, 1949, at Park Manor, 607 Southwestern Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Peoples Songs

Peoples Songs was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, as a Communist front which was incorporated January 31, 1946, in New York City.

"All the products of Peoples Songs, Incorporated, follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization."

The February 11, 1946 issue of "Peoples Songs", column 1, page 1, indicates the subject was one of the singers at the first public concert presented by Peoples Songs, Incorporated in March 1946.

The subject is listed as a member of the Board of Directors in the issues of "Peoples Songs" which appear between the months of April 1946 and March 1947.

Spanish Refugee Appeal

It is noted that the Spanish Refugee Appeal has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[redacted] a musical evening on April 11, 1947, at the Needle Trades Auditorium, 225 West 24 Street, New York City, was to be held under the auspices of the Spanish Refugee Appeal. The subject was to partake in the entertainment.

Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] WOODY GUTHRIE, of Oklahoma, gave lectures at the Tom Paine School of Social Science in Philadelphia in 1942 on folk songs and music.

International Workers Order

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] the subject was a member of Lodge 514 of the International Workers Order in July 1950. [redacted] the subject was a member of the same lodge in June 1951. [redacted] the subject was a member of this lodge in April 1952.

Workers School of New York City

[redacted] the Workers School of New York City is a Communist Party School, which was absorbed by the Jefferson School of Social Science. The latter has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted]

C. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a composite description of the subject as taken from the Veterans Administration records and as obtained from [redacted]

Name	WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE
Aliases	Woodrow Wilson Guthrie "Woody" Guthrie
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	41
Birthdate	July 14, 1912
Birthplace	Okemah, Oklahoma
Residence	Box 263 Rural Route 6 Jacksonville, Florida
Height	5'5"
Weight	130 lbs.

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Hair	Reddish-brown
Eyes	Blue or grey
Complexion	Ruddy
Scars and Marks	May have appendectomy scar
Peculiarities	Weather-beaten face
Occupation	Musician, author, free lance folk singer
Marital Status	Wife - MARJORIE GUTHRIE, was: Marjorie Mazia Mrs. Anthony Marra 157-13 85 Street Queens, New York.
Previous wife	Mrs. PERCY D. BAILEY 4002 Bliss Street ElPaso, Texas
Immediate Relatives	Daughters- GWENDOLYN GALE GUTHRIE CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE (of marriage of subject and Mrs. PERCIVAL BAILEY) Son - BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE (of marriage of subject and Mrs. PERCIVAL BAILEY) Subject has three other children by present wife, whose ages were 5,3, and 2 in 1952. These are residing with their mother at 157-13 85 Street, Queens, New York. Father - CHARLEY EDWARD GUTHRIE, living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1951 Sister - MARY JO EDSON, residing in Seminole, Oklahoma in 1951. Brothers - ROY GUTHRIE, residing in Pampa, Texas GEORGE GUTHRIE, residing in California in 1951.
Nationality	American

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Identification	All from files of Veterans Administration.
Army Serial Number	422-346-34
Veterans Claim Number	C-157-987-99
Social Security Number	547-12-4009.

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For the information of the Bureau and offices receiving a copy of this report, [redacted] who were closely associated with GUTHRIE [redacted] advised that he personally has never in their presence made any statement relative to sabotage. [redacted]

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 2/24/51, New York.
Report of SA [redacted] 8/3/50, Los Angeles.
Letter from SAC, El Paso to SAC, N.Y., 2/15/50
Letter from SAC Miami to SAC, NY, 7/13/50.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 9/30/53

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Miami letter to Bureau dated 9/9/53.

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cc: New York (100-87247)(REG)
Miami (100-12183)(REG)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: October 14, 1953

FROM : SAC, Miami (100-12183)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Card U.T.D.
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T-6 in LA

The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Los Angeles Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Los Angeles Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Box 673, Skyline Drive
Topanga, California

Business Address: Unemployed

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Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
X This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Los Angeles Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
X This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
X This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
___ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
___ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
X A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

X Security Index Cards
Photograph of subject
Serials (specify)
Report of SA [redacted] 4-10-51, New York;
Report of SA [redacted] 7-3-51, Oklahoma City;
Summary report of SA [redacted], 9-11-53, New York
Identification record for WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, under FBI #3673601 R U C

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cc: Los Angeles Division (Encs)(100-32263)(REGISTERED)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Heidelberg, Germany

VIA ARMY COURIER

Date: March 19, 1954

To: Director, FBI

From: Liaison Representative, Heidelberg (100-0)

Subject: WOODY and ANNEKE GUTHRIE
P.O. Box 673, Topanga, California
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: March 24, 1954

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
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Office of Origin: Los Angeles

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Re summary report of SA [redacted] dated 9/11/53 at New York.

As of 1/5/54, subject continued to reside at Box 673, Skyline Drive, Topanga, California, and was unemployed.

No additional information has been received regarding any Communist activities on the part of subject since referenced summary report which contains previous information available in the Los Angeles files.

In view of subject's reported CP membership as late as 1/51, he is being retained on the Los Angeles Security Index.

One copy of referenced summary report was furnished this office by the Miami Office when that office submitted FD-128 dated 10/14/53. It is noted that at the date of this report, the New York Office was awaiting documentation requested of the Los Angeles Office, in order to complete the administrative pages of this report. The necessary documentation was furnished the New York Office by letter dated 11/23/53, however, amended administrative pages have never been received.

New York is requested to submit the necessary amended pages to this report upon the receipt of which this case will be closed in this office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following ~~teletype~~ message to:

FBI, LOS ANGELES 5/25/54 5:10 PM

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29988)

WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, WAS., SM-C. RE REPORT SA [redacted] SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, FIFTY-THREE AT NEW YORK AND RE LOS ANGELES LETTERS TO NEW YORK NOVEMBER TWENTY-THREE, FIFTY-THREE AND MARCH TWENTY-FOUR LAST. NEW YORK PLEASE COMPLY WITH MY REQUEST AS SET OUT IN LAST REFERENCED LETTER.

MALONE

HNB:BAJ
100-32263

cc: NEW YORK (100-87247)(REGISTERED) AIR MAIL

Mr. Belmont

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 6/7/54

FROM : [redacted], New York (100-87247)

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SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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Re Los Angeles Air-tel to Director and NY, dated 5/25/54.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies each of amended pages 15 and 16 of NY report of SA [redacted] dated 9/11/53.

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Enclosed for Los Angeles is one copy each of amended pages 15 and 16 of same report.

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TO: Director, FBI (100-29988)

FROM: SAC, New York (100-87247)

DATE: 6/25/54

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
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Rerep of SA [redacted] 9/11/53, NY, re Los Angeles air-tel to Director and NY dated 5/25/54, NY letter to Director and Los Angeles dated 6/7/54.

Enclosed for Bureau are five copies of amended page 17 of NY report dated 9/11/53.

Enclosed for Miami are two copies of same amended page; 1 copy is enclosed for Los Angeles. RUC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: August 12, 1954

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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Card U.T.D.
8-23-54 ecs

___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

_X_ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS Unknown

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Report No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
EL PASO	9-14-54	8-7,11,13,16,31-54	[redacted] jwb

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was. Woodrow Wilson Guthrie, Woody Guthrie, Woodie Guthrie	SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject arrived El Paso, Texas, 8-6-54, stating he came from Denver, Colorado. He stayed at the home of [redacted]

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GUTHRIE departed from El Paso 8-9-54 for Tulsa, Oklahoma, stating he was going to New York. [redacted]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES NOTIFIED BY ROUTING SLIP BY QO DATE 2-5-81

AGENCY
REQ. REC'D
REP'T FORW.
BY

DETAILS: AT EL PASO, TEXAS

BACKGROUND

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[redacted] advised as follows:

The subject's children, residing with subject's ex-wife, Mrs. PERCY D. BAILEY, El Paso are as follows:

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BY
Re: (Photo. present spouse Marjorie Greenblatt)

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BILL ROGERS GUTHRIE, age 15
CAROLYN SUE GUTHRIE, age 18

Another daughter born to the subject and Mrs. BAILEY, GWENDOLYN GAIL LACKEY nee GUTHRIE, age 19, is married to FRANK LACKEY and resides on San Antonio Street, El Paso, Texas.

[redacted] b-7D

ACTIVITIES

[redacted] advised as follows: b-7

Subject appeared in El Paso on the night of August 6, 1954, [redacted] at the home of [redacted] b7C

[redacted] noted that subject had changed in appearance and now "appears beat up and has grey hair." b-7D

[redacted] advised of the following:

Subject, GUTHRIE, departed from El Paso for Tulsa, Oklahoma, by bus on August 9, 1954, (according to subject's statement). Subject advised that he would possibly be in Tulsa for a week and then would proceed to New York City. [redacted] was of the opinion that subject would visit the places he regularly goes to on trips to New York. [redacted] b-7

[redacted] b7

[redacted] advised that subject was in Silver City, New Mexico, when the movie "Salt of the Earth" was being filmed and subject was emphatic about wanting his children, BILL and CAROLYN, to see the movie [redacted] believes subject had something to do with writing the script for the movie. b7D

[redacted] subject stated he has just finished a book 400 pages long which is now in the hands of his publishers. b7D

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REFERENCE:

El Paso airtel to Denver with copy to Los Angeles dated 8-7-54.

Los Angeles airtel to El Paso dated 8-12-54.

Report of SA [redacted] dated 8-3-50, Los Angeles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988) DATE: 12/17/54

FROM : SAC, Los Angeles (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was
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OO: Los Angeles

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Re Los Angeles letter to New York dated 10/8/54, New York letter to Los Angeles dated 10/21/54, and Cincinnati letter to Los Angeles dated 11/24/54.

The above-captioned individual is presently carried on the Security Index of the Los Angeles Office.

Since 6/27/54, this subject's exact whereabouts have been unknown. Per report of SA [redacted] dated 9/14/54 at El Paso, Texas, subject visited El Paso on 8/7/54 supposedly en route to New York City. b7c

[redacted] b6

Based upon the above information, this office requested New York on 10/8/54 to contact known associates of the subject and informants who are familiar with his past activities to ascertain the subject's present whereabouts and employment. New York promptly replied on 10/21/54, with copy to Cincinnati, [redacted] b6 [redacted]. The subject listed his address as 517 East 5th Street, New York, New York, Apartment 14. The subject stated that he was married and that his wife was currently living in New York City, where she was employed by the New York Telephone Company as an operator. It was the subject's intention

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Director, FBI Re: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was.
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to visit his wife in New York City [redacted] b6

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The Los Angeles Office is awaiting the results of the investigation now being conducted by the New York Office and will advise the Bureau promptly upon receipt thereof.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 1/5/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILLSON GUTHRIE, was
SM-C
(OO: Los Angeles)

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Re Los Angeles let to the Bureau dated 12/17/54.

[redacted] advised that WOODY GUTHRIE and GUTHRIE'S wife had moved out sometime ago [redacted] was unable to advise where the GUTHRIES moved. [redacted] stated he did not know the name of subject's wife but that she was employed as a telephone operator in NYC.

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MARJORIE Guthrie Mrs. Woodroe Willson Guthrie

A pretext telephone call to MARJORIE MARIA MARRA, subject's ex-wife, 159-13 85th St., Queens, NY, revealed that GUTHRIE is an inmate of Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, Brooklyn, NY. Mrs. MARRA also stated that GUTHRIE had married again.

[redacted] Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, 681 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, NY advised on 12/30/54 that WOODROE W. GUTHRIE is a patient at that institution.

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Los Angeles will take appropriate steps to transfer the office of origin to NY. RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-29988) DATE: 2/3/55

FROM: SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was;
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Rebuairtel, 1/28/55, and New York airtel, 2/3/55 captioned [redacted] and containing instructions concerning corrective action to be taken in those cases where information was furnished by [redacted]

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In this connection, there is being enclosed herewith five copies for the Bureau and three copies for Miami of amended page 6 of the report of SA [redacted], dated September 11, 1953, at New York, in the above-captioned matter.

Appropriate changes have been made in the New York copies of this report and the amended pages have been inserted.

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WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, was	SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE on January 5, 1954, resided at Box 673, Skyline Drive, Topanga, California, and was unemployed.

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GUTHRIE as of January 5, 1955, was a patient at the Brooklyn State Hospital for the mentally ill, 681 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

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The Peoples Artists, Incorporated, was cited by the California Committee on un-American activities in its 1948 report as a Communist front organization.

[redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

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The Los Angeles indices contain no information concerning GUTHRIE's wife, ANNEKE. Areview of GUTHRIE's file reflects that GUTHRIE has not been personally observed. MRS. Woodrow WILSON Guthrie

Detcom and Comsab tabbing being retained inasmuch as it was reported that GUTHRIE was closely associated with a group of expelled CP members and veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, who were organized for sabotage.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/14/54 at El Paso.
Summary report of SA [redacted] dated 9/11/53 at Miami.

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FD-128
(10-19-49)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-29988) DATE: 2/9/55

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-32263)

SUBJECT: WOODROE WILSON GUTHRIE, Was.
SM - C

Card U.T.D.
3-4-55

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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The New York Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The New York Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: Patient - Brooklyn State Hospital for Mentally Ill, 681 Clarkson Avenue

~~Business Address:~~ Brooklyn, New York.

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Check the following applicable statements:

X This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
X This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The New York Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)
X This subject was tabbed for Detcom.
X This subject was tabbed for Comsab.
___ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
___ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
___ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
X A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

X Security Index Cards
2 photographs.
Serials (specify)
Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/14/54 at El Paso.
Identification Record for WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE under FBI #3673601 dated 9/1/54.
Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/8/55 at Los Angeles.

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cc: New York Division (Enc.) (100-87247)(REG.)
cc: Identification Division

STANDARD

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI (100-29988)

SAC, New York (100-67247)

DATE: 5/16/55

Security Index card cancelled

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - C

Reference

SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

Succinct Resume of Case

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES NOTIFIED BY ROUTING

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Subject wrote an article for the "Daily Worker", 6/19/49 issue, in which he admitted joining the CP in 1936.

[redacted] b7D

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Letter to Director, FBI
NY 100-87247

The February, 1946 issue of "People's Songs" lists WOODY GUTHRIE as member of Advisory Committee.

The subject is listed as member of Board of Directors of "People's Songs", in the issues which appear between months of April, 1946 and March, 1947.

"People's Songs" was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, report of 1948, as a Communist front which was incorporated 1/31/46 in NYC. "All of the productions of 'People's Songs', Inc. follow the Communist Party line as assiduously as do the people behind the organization".

[redacted] the subject was closely associated with a group of expelled CP members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who were meeting in Los Angeles. The informant advised that the group was organized for sabotage against the US during war with Russia. [redacted]

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[redacted] Brooklyn, State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, Brooklyn, New York, advised the subject is a patient at that hospital; that he was admitted voluntarily, and, therefore, can be discharged when he, the subject, desires. The subject is suffering from Huntington's Chorea, a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. It is a deteriorating disease with no known cure and is eventually fatal. A victim of this disease can live from five to twenty years and most patients have succumbed by the time they are fifty-five to sixty years old.

(It is noted that the) subject is forty-four years old.

Recommendation

Retain in Security Index.

Reportedly CP member in August, 1954; in 1950 he was closely associated with group of expelled CP members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade who were organized for sabotage. Although subject is a patient at Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, he can be discharged when he desires because he voluntarily entered the hospital.

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Detcom Tabbing

I. Present tabbing - Detcom and Comsab.

II. Subject not approved for Detcom tabbing under new criteria set out in SAC letter 55-12 (A), 2/10/55. Security Index card bearing stamp "Detcom" in large red letters not received from Bureau.

III. Retain on Detcom tabbing. In 1950 the subject was closely associated with a group of expelled CP members and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade organized for sabotage.

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cc-Boardman
Belmont
Cox
Johnson

SAC, New York (100-87247)

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June 3, 1955

Director, FBI (100-29988)-36

EX-100

Security Index card cancelled

WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet dated May 16, 1955.

In view of the subject's health status and the lack of reliable firsthand information reflecting Communist Party membership in the last five years, it is believed that his name should be deleted from the Security Index. You are therefore requested to cancel his Security Index card in your office.

WJ:ph
(7)

Re memo Belmont to Boardman dated June 3, 1955, WJ:ph, in captioned matter.

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FD-122
(5-11-53)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 5/16/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - C

Being handled in communication with S.I. review per SAC ltr 5.5.20 5/20/55

___ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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NATIVE BORN_____ NATURALIZED_____ ALIEN_____

COMMUNIST_____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY_____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE_____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM_____ TAB FOR COMSAB Delete RACE_____ SEX_____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)

DATE: 5/18/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM - C

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Rerep of SA [redacted] 2/9/55, Los Angeles, and FD 128 from Los Angeles, 2/9/55.

[redacted] Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, 681 Clarkson Ave., Brooklyn, NY, advised SA [redacted] that the subject is a patient in the Male Reception Building at that hospital. [redacted] advised that the subject is suffering from Huntington's Chorea, a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. It is a deteriorating disease with no known cure and is eventually fatal.

[redacted] explained that the subject is not insane but is afflicted with severe mental depressions which cause him to go on severe alcoholic binges. [redacted] advised that the subject will be paralyzed eventually, but could not say when this will happen. [redacted] said that the subject's admission to the hospital was voluntary and, therefore, the subject can be discharged if he so desires.

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[redacted] the Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, advised that the subject was still a patient at that institution.

It is noted that on 4/10/53, [redacted] the Brooklyn State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, advised SA [redacted] that a patient could live from five to twenty years with Huntington's Chorea and that most patients have succumbed by the time they are fifty-five to sixty years old. At the time clinical records indicated that the subject's case was fairly well advanced.

A separate memorandum is being submitted to the Bureau recommending that the subject be retained on the Security Index of the NYO with Detcom tabbing. FD 122 is being submitted to delete Comsab tabbing.

Inasmuch as there is no investigation outstanding, this case is being closed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-29988)
Att: Identification Division

DATE: 6/13/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-87247)

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE, was
SM-C

The Security Index card on the above subject has been cancelled in Security Index Review Program.

It is requested that the Security Flash Notice posted be removed.

S & L Card Cancelled
4/27/55

See Card

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

DATE: June 3, 1955

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: WOODROW WILSON GUTHRIE
SECURITY MATTER - C
BUFILE 100-299880

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see 100-299880-36

Re attached New York letter 5-16-55 containing recommendation that subject's name be retained in Security Index.

ACTIVITIES IN LAST FIVE YEARS:

[redacted] (C)

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REASON - FCIM II, 1-2.4.2
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STATUS OF HEALTH:

[redacted] Brooklyn, State Hospital for the Mentally Ill, Brooklyn, New York, advised subject is patient at that hospital; he was admitted voluntarily, and, therefore, can be discharged when he, the subject, desires. Subject is suffering from Huntington's Chorea, a chronic neurological condition with occasional psychotic manifestations. It is a deteriorating disease with no known cure and is eventually fatal. A victim of this disease can live from five to twenty years and most patients have succumbed by the time they are fifty-five to sixty years old. Subject is forty-four years old.

Enclosures (2)
cc-Boardman
Belmont
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Memo Belmont to Boardman
Dated June 3, 1955
(Continued)

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of subject's health status and the lack of reliable firsthand information reflecting CP membership in the last five years, it is recommended subject's SI card be cancelled. If you agree, there is attached a letter to the New York Office.

United States Senate

Respectfully referred to
Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Mark O. Hatfield
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1 ENCLOSURE

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CORRESPONDENCE

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September 7, 1967

The Honorable Mark Hatfield
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Hatfield:

As a result of Secretary Udall's naming a Bonneville Power sub-station after Woody Guthrie, a folk singer who has written for The Daily Worker and The People's World, and who is or was alleged to be or to have been a member of the Communist Party, a local controversy has arisen.

I have a 1948 report of the Joint Committee of the California State Legislature on un-American activities, which states that Guthrie was a communist. A similar report comes from the American Intelligence Service, of Spokane, Washington.

Local admirers of Woody Guthrie resent and deny the communist tag line unless it is approved by the F. B. I.

Can you through your connections do two things:

1. Ascertain if Guthrie was a communist.

2. If he was, can you take some action to get the name "Woody Guthrie" eliminated as a name for a Federally-owned power station.

Respectfully yours,

[redacted] b7c

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ENCLOSURE

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September 18, 1967

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EX-102

Honorable Mark O. Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

On September 15th I received your communication together with a copy of the letter sent to you by [redacted] b7C

Although I would like to be of assistance to your constituent, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to him in this matter.

As you requested, your enclosure is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 5
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COMM-FBI

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Senator Hatfield is on the Special Correspondents List. [redacted] was sent a letter on 5-15-66 in reply to his inquiry if the flouridation of water was a communist inspired program. Bufiles contain no record identifiable with American Intelligence of Spokane, Washington. Woodrow Guthrie was on the Security index of the New York Office and was the subject of Security Matter-C Investigation which was discontinued due to his hospitalization for an incurable disease and the absence of first-hand reliable information as to his Communist Party Activities. He was listed on pages 342 and 343 of the 1948 report of "Un-American Activities in California" a document prepared by the joint fact finding committee to the 1948 California Legislature.

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